

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 28, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 4-10 and 12-15 have been rejected, and claim 42 has been allowed. Claim 4 has been amended, claims 1-3, 11, 12, and 16-41 have been cancelled, and new claims 43-51 have been added. Thus, claims 4-10, 13-15 and 42-51 are pending in this application.

Support for the amendments may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendments to claim 4 may be found in claim 12 as originally filed. Support for new claims 43-51 may be found in claims 5-10, and 12-14. The Applicants submit that no new matter is added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 4-10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0126604, hereinafter "Wang"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 4, as amended, recites a glove that has an outer surface coated with a composition such that "the glove has a reduced coefficient of friction compared to the same glove without said outer surface coating composition," (emphasis added). Wang is directed to an elastomeric article comprising a therapeutic coating composition on the

skin-contacting surface. The coating is said to be thermally stable, has no substantial adverse effect on the glove's physical properties, and has reduced irritation for the wearer's skin, a non-sticky and non-greasy feel, good surface-to-skin transference, and reduced inter-surface and intra-surface tackiness between like elastomeric articles. (See p. 1, paragraph [0009]).

The Applicants respectfully submit that Wang fails to teach or suggest that the glove's outer surface is coated with a composition that reduces the glove's coefficient of friction when compared to the same glove without the outer surface coating composition.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Wang does not anticipate independent claim 4 and claims 5-10 and 13-15, which depend therefrom. Claim 12 has been cancelled, rendering its rejection moot.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-10 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Wang.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 42 contains allowable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully request that new claims 43-51, which depend from claim 42, also be deemed allowable.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

EXPEDITE PROCEDURE

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 029714-00101.

Respectfully submitted,



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